

much controversy and tension this session. Many senators have come to me relative to another bill, which is my priority bill, which is LB 693, the Business Trust Act. I had conversations and negotiations with Neal Oxton of the Farmers Union and a number of other farm groups. They are willing to sit down this summer and try to work out some major changes to Initiative 300 in return for my not pushing or doing anything further on that bill this year. They have acknowledged, Neal Oxton has acknowledged that Initiative 300 does need major changes, that it is causing some problems, and he has agreed to negotiate and for that reason I will not pursue that bill which should save another day or two. Finally with respect to 994, Senator Vickers, the Governor, certain members here in the Legislature have indicated that pursuing the policy of trying to put five or ten or any millions of dollars into that bill in the teacher stipends is a practical impossibility or at best could obstruct many days of the balance of the session and they have indicated a willingness to simply have the bill without any money whatsoever, which I think is a reasonable suggestion. It is not perfect, it is not what everybody wants but it is certainly a compromise. These four major things, if handled in the manner suggested, I believe could expedite the session and make it possible for every member to get then to their priority bills. I would urge us to do this and I would urge us now to take the first step by advancing LB 744 to Final Reading without further amendment, delay or debate.

PRESIDENT: The Chair has recognized first Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, let me begin by correcting a couple of remarks of Senator DeCamp's pertaining to LB 744 and LB 336 and then after that I am going to wish to ask Senator Vard Johnson some questions to clarify legislative intent on this manner. Senator DeCamp indicated that only the 25 people who signed the letter would be in favor of advancing LB 744 as written or amended back to its original form. Now on behalf of the 24 members of the body who did not sign the letter, many of whom in fact because of time problems did not have the opportunity to sign the letter, let me indicate that there are many